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CIACHIEF MAY HAVE VISITED BRITAIN

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Months of Congressional investigations of CIA excesses have badly affected the agency's morale and weakened other nations' confidence in American intelligence operations. Mr Bush's report of encouraging findings in Europe may mean that he feels the CIA's fences can now be mended.